

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 8, 1861.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. KENNEDY made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S., 559.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of James K. Harwood, a purser in the Navy, have had the same under consideration, and report:

The petitioner alleges that in the month of October, 1858, he was ordered to the United States steamer "Westernport," as purser of that vessel; that subsequently he was directed by the Navy Department to discharge the duties of purser of the steamer "Caledonia," and that he faithfully discharged the responsible duties of purser of both vessels, paying off their crews, keeping, and finally settling separate accounts with the Treasury Department. For this service he received the lowest sea pay of his grade, or the pay (\$1,500 a year) that he would have received as purser of the steamer "Westernport" alone, while he encountered all the responsibilities and risk of loss as the disbursing officer of both vessels. The petitioner prays that he may be allowed the difference between the pay he received and the pay of a purser of a sloop-of-war, the next highest pay of his grade.

Your committee, concurring in the annexed recommendation of the honorable Secretary of the Navy, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted; and, therefore, report the accompanying bill, with the recommendation that it do pass.

